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## June 2005 Amherst MRC Updates

- **MRC Badge Photos**

**Anyone who has not had an ID badge photo taken:** Please stop by Amherst College any day this week between 9am-2pm. The ID office in the basement level of Valentine Hall on Route 9. There is on-street parking across the street on Dickinson Street. The person to ask for is Theresa Laizer. She is expecting volunteers from the Health Department. If you need further directions you could give that office a call at 542-5820.

**Everyone:** The Amherst MRC will be using a color-coded tier system to identify levels of volunteers. As soon as color-coded lanyards arrive we will distribute the badges. (hopefully by the July meeting)

- **Training Schedule Change: July “Health and Safety Field Trip” on July 18, 2005**

We are planning something a bit fun and different for July and need to change the July meeting date from July 11 to July 18. The group will meet at the North Fire Station at 6:30pm for some demonstrations and hands-on training.

- **Public Access Defib Project**

This project continues...if you have more ideas about folks or organizations in the community to whom a donation request could be sent or are willing to help with this community project, please let Kate know ASAP. I am particularly interested in whether some folks are interested in becoming CPR instructors.

- **RAD Training**

At last month's meeting Josh offered to teach a RAD (Rape Aggression Defense—self defense for women) class for our group. There was significant interest. Please sign up for dates announced by Josh.

- **CPR Training**

Only two people have responded to my offer to teach a CPR class. Previously more people had indicated interest—please sign up and indicate days of the week or specific dates that work best for you in July or August.

- **HAN Training**

There are currently 8 people who need to attend the HAN training. Please see me at the end of the meeting to help me schedule the best times for you.

- **Work in Progress: Fall Flu Clinic/Drill**

Julie is currently working on the idea of having Amherst's flu clinic be an emergency dispensing site drill for the MRC. (This would be a scaled back event for those of you who were at last year's full scale exercise; dispensing clinic only, no staging area.) In addition to setting up the flu clinic at the middle school we are also considering helping individual school nurses out with their school building clinics for school personnel. We would like to hear about your interest and commitment to these ideas before we commit...

- **Amherst MRC Leadership**

We are creating a leadership structure for the Amherst MRC based on the incident command system and ideas from MRCs nationwide. Several of you indicated your interest in a leadership role on our 2005 program surveys. Please let Josh, Kate, or Julie know of your continued or new interest in a leadership roles. We plan to hold interviews this summer and have a structure in place by the fall.

### NEXT MRC MEETING & TRAINING:

**6:30pm Date TBA (July 11 or 18) – North Fire Station, Amherst  
Health and Safety “Field Trip”**

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